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H.P. 1718

House of Representatives, January 10, 2000

An Act to Require Health Insurance Policies to Cover School-based Services.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Banking and Insurance suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester.
Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot and
Representatives: GAGNON of Waterville, HONEY of Boothbay, JACOBS of Turner,
MURPHY of Berwick, Speaker ROWE of Portland, Senator: RAND of Cumberland.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

4 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-X is enacted to read:

6 **§3174-X. School-based services**

8 No later than October 1, 2000, the department shall adopt
10 rules, which are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5,
12 chapter 375, subchapter II-A, to provide Medicaid coverage for
14 services to a child performed by a physician, nurse practitioner
16 or physician assistant who is employed or contracted to provide
18 those services by the elementary or secondary school that the
20 child attends.

22 Sec. 2. 24 MRSA §2332-M is enacted to read:

24 **§2332-M. Coverage for school-based services**

26 A group nonprofit medical service plan contract or a
28 nonprofit health care plan contract that includes coverage of a
30 child who attends an elementary or secondary school in the State
32 must provide coverage under that contract for services to the
34 child performed by a physician, nurse practitioner or physician
36 assistant who is employed or contracted to provide those services
38 by the elementary or secondary school.

40 Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2759 is enacted to read:

42 **§2759. Coverage for school-based services**

44 An insurer that issues individual health insurance policies
46 and contracts that include coverage of children who attend
48 elementary or secondary schools in the State shall provide
50 coverage under those policies and contracts for services to those
children performed by physicians, nurse practitioners or
physician assistants who are employed or contracted to provide
those services by those elementary or secondary schools.

40 Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §2847-J is enacted to read:

42 **§2847-J. Coverage for school-based services**

44 A group health insurance policy or contract that includes
46 coverage of a child who attends an elementary or secondary school
48 in the State must provide coverage under that policy or contract
for services to the child performed by a physician, nurse
practitioner or physician assistant who is employed or contracted
to provide those services by the elementary or secondary school.

50 Sec. 5. 24-A MRSA §4249 is enacted to read:

2 **§4249. Coverage for school-based services**

4 A health maintenance organization contract that includes
6 coverage of a child who attends an elementary or secondary school
8 in the State must provide coverage under that contract for
10 services to the child performed by a physician, nurse
12 practitioner or physician assistant who is employed or contracted
14 to provide those services by the elementary or secondary school.

16 **Sec. 6. Application.** This Act applies to all policies and
18 contracts executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or
20 renewed on or after the effective date of this Act. All policies
22 and contracts are deemed to be renewed no later than the next
24 yearly anniversary of the contract date.

SUMMARY

20 This bill requires health insurance policies and contracts
22 that cover children in school to cover services performed by a
24 physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant who is
employed or contracted to provide those services by an elementary
or secondary school. The bill also requires the Department of
Human Services to adopt rules no later than October 1, 2000 to
ensure coverage of those same services under Medicaid.